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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 26, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicant filed an Amendment and Response, dated April 26, 2004, arguing that the Examiner, contrary to established case law, failed to consider a limitation presented in the preamble in determining whether the prior art cited by the Examiner rendered Applicant's claimed invention obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant now submits this Supplemental Response specifically regarding the relevance of *Dugan et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,363,411 B1 (hereinafter "*Dugan*"), and Applicant asserts that *Dugan* is irrelevant because

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 26, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action"), please find the following sections:

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